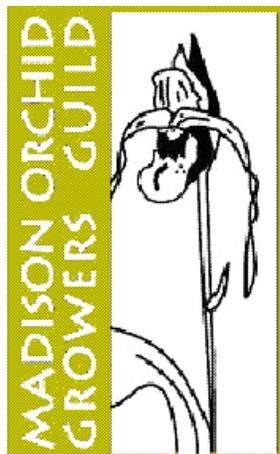


# September 2013 **The Orchid Grower**

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

Website [orchidguild.org](http://orchidguild.org)



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back all OGG members and orchid lovers. Fall will bring us back together to share growing tips and learn more about orchids. Our September 15th presentation is on growing *Masdevallia* and *Dracula* at home [see below]. October 20th Leo Schordje will speak on "Ever Blooming Orchids" and bring plants for sale. Bring that money you've been saving for orchids!

How are your summer blooming orchids? Bring them for judging or display. Remember that weekend is both WOS show in Milwaukee as well as our meeting at Olbrich.

See you in September.

Lorraine Snyder

### Meeting Dates

September 15—Meeting Room  
October 20—Meeting Room  
November 17—Orchids  
December 15— Meeting Room

Meetings start at 1:30 pm at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

### Up-Coming Events

September 14, 15 – Wisconsin Orchid Society Show

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## Next Meeting September 15th

### Alfonso Doucette: "Growing *Masdevallia* and *Dracula* Species at Home"

*Masdevallia* and *Dracula* orchids have the reputation for being difficult to grow. However, in an air conditioned home they are easy to cultivate with the proper care and will delight throughout the year with their free flowering habit. Alfonso Doucette will share his past experiences over the last six year growing them in a dormitory room, at home in Boston, and here in Madison. Alfonso will also detail ten of the species he has found most amenable to home growing and bring in a few of his plants to show.



*Masdevallia jarae*

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## **CHUCK'S ORCHID CHALLENGE: We Have a Winner for Part One**

Hello everyone!

Congratulations to Sandy Delamater for being the first OGG member to flower the challenge plant of *Doritis pulcherrima*. After several weeks of coaxing, it finally opened for her.

Along with a phone call to confirm it bloomed yesterday August 15th, Sandy captured an image and sent it electronically to me today. She will be presented with a \$25 gift certificate from Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery at the November meeting. Way to go Sandy!!!

Keep in mind, the second part of the challenge will be awarded at the November 2013 meeting for the plant that ends up producing the highest number of flowers during its long blooming period. **So please keep a record of the total number of flowers your plant produces, right up till the end!** This species is known for its extended flowering period by producing more buds out the tip of the stem.



Photograph by Sandy Delamater  
*Doritis pulcherrima*

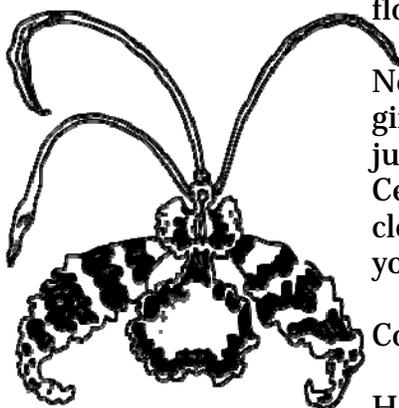
Now, I'm going to add another challenge to this plant! A third \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the "**Best Looking Plant**" judged by me at the November meeting held at Orchids Garden Centre. So, pump up your plant with added light and fertilizer, clean those leaves and give a fresh repotting to bring out the best in your plant!

Congratulations again Sandy!!

Happy growing everyone! Chuck

## **OGG BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

The first fall board meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm . Contact Lorraine Snyder for details.



## CAPE ORCHID Orchid Tales I

This past summer Jeff and I visited southern Africa for safari. Whenever we travel we keep an eye out for any native orchids we might see. Unfortunately, when it is summer in the states, it's winter in southern Africa so orchids tend to be dormant [but we did see some sundews in the wild!] The only orchid we saw was in a glass house at the world famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town the Green Wood Orchid.

The Green Wood Orchid (*Bonatea speciosa*) is a relatively easy to grow terrestrial orchid, admired for its delicate green and white flowers. The species is widespread in the southern and eastern parts of South Africa and Zimbabwe where it grows in coastal shrub, on forest margins and sometimes also in savanna up to about 1200 m. At night, the strongly evening scented flowers attract hawkmoths which act as the pollinators of the orchid.

—Denise Baylis



Green Wood Orchid (*Bonatea speciosa*)



Ports of Paradise [*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Fortune x *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*] above; on the right is a *Dendrobium brymerianum*



The cattleya was given to me by my ballet teacher/Chinese brush painting teacher. She loves to paint orchids so she buys blooming plants from Chuck and then when they are done blooming she gives the plants to me. When it's in bloom I often take it back to her as "payment" for the painting lessons (It's a small price to pay considering what a terrible student I am!). The plant is Ports of Paradise.

The other one is a *Dendrobium brymerianum* that I bought as a small seedling at Orchid Quest probably 5-7 years ago. It's the first time that it has bloomed. Chuck pollinated it for me and I hope to send the seeds off to the lab that Chuck uses when the pod ripens.

—Lynn West

## FIRST SHOW OF THE SEASON COMING UP SEPTEMBER 14-15

I hope that you have been able to look on the Wisconsin Orchid Society's website to find the information regarding their up-coming show September 14 and 15. I will be doing the setup of the OGG Membership's Display on Friday and takedown on Sunday.

Please take your well-packed plants to Orchids Garden Centre on Thursday, September 12, by 4:30 p.m. I will be picking the plants up at Orchids Thursday. Your plants will be at Orchids for pickup the following Monday.

Have your Entry Forms (small white duplicate form, extras available at Orchids) made out for each plant with the name of the plant. If a species, write the name of the plant in small case, ie: *Paph. niveum* (species). If a plant is a hybrid write its name with parents written underneath the plant name if available. Put the class number on the form .

Listing of plants can be found at [MAOC.com](http://MAOC.com). You may want to download these listings for future use. When your forms are completed, please put them in an envelope with your name on it and in a box with your plants.

Also, make a listing your plants with your name on a piece of paper for each box you send. Put this list on the box, then there will be no mix-ups, especially when packing up at takedown.

Please be sure that your plants are clean and bug-free, staked as needed, double potted for stability, ie: plastic pot into a slightly larger clay pot. Please NO decorative pots. If you don't have any clay pots, when you get to Orchids I am sure that they have many sizes available that you could purchase. Put your plants into an appropriate-sized box where plants will not slide around or tip, use newspaper between pots if needed.

Send me ([sldjnt@peoplepc.com](mailto:sldjnt@peoplepc.com)) the names of your plants no later than Monday, September 9. These names may include the names of plants that you know will for sure will go as well as plants that may go. This way I can have the name tags made out for all and can delete the ones that don't go.

I hope that you have some beauties for this show and GOOD LUCK to all.

—Sandy Delamater

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## *You know you're addicted to orchids, when ...*

... while on vacation you leave the dog in the back yard with an automatic feeder but hire a family member or friend to check the humidity needs of your orchids, and you encourage her to sit with them for a while and spend 'quality time'.





www.orchidsandart.com

**OCTOBER 19-20, 2013**

**The Dayton Art Institute**  
456 Belmonte Park North  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Special Events:**  
Friday Night Preview Party

Saturday Night Gala Banquet,  
Auction & Keynote Address by  
Angela Mirro

Sunday Only Tripod Photo Time  
& Orchid Photography Lecture

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&  
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United States Air Force

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Show Room Rate: \$109 + tax

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**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

**SPEAKERS  
SATURDAY**

**Chris Purver**  
Eric Young Orchid Foundation, United Kingdom  
"Oncidiinae at the Eric Young Orchid Foundation"

**Erich Michel**  
Michel Orchid Nursery, Indiana  
"The Genus Phalaenopsis in the 21st Century"

**Holger Perner**  
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, China  
"Paphiopedilum- Their Culture and Propagation"

**Angela Mirro**  
Botanical Artist, New York  
"Orchids in Art and Illustration"

**SUNDAY**

**Holger Perner**  
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, China  
"Dendrobiums of China"

**Lynn O'Shaughnessy**  
American Orchid Society Judge  
& Photographer, Michigan  
"Orchid Photography"

Maxillaria fractiflexa 'David Sauer' HCC/AOS  
Photo by: James E McCulloch

## Orchids 'N Art--Dayton, OH

The Fall MAOC meeting will be held in Dayton, Ohio, October 18-20, 2013. Sponsored by The Miami Valley Orchid Society and the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, the show and Saturday banquet will be at the exciting Dayton Art Institute's Gothic Cloister, founded in 1930 by Orville Wright. Lectures by Shirley Burr Moore, Erich Michel, Holger Perner, and Angela Mirro will be in the Art Center Auditorium. MAOC registration will include entrance to the Art Center.

Since the show is hoping to appeal to artists as well as orchidists, a tripod time and talk on orchid photography is featured. Early registration ends Sept 15. See [www.orchidsandart.com](http://www.orchidsandart.com) for registration information and everything you want to know about this event.

—MAOC Representative Audrey Lucier



**Chicagoland** is highly regarded as one of the top orchid growing regions in the United States. Come walk the greenhouses and find out why!

**Guest Growers** at each location will be offering plants for sale from all over the world!

**Visit** two different, interesting and unique orchid nurseries located within a 40 minute drive. (See map on reverse side)

**Grand Prize Drawing** Nursery Gift Certificates valued at \$600.00 will be awarded at festival conclusion! A total of five (5) winners will be drawn from those participants who have visited both locations during the festival weekend. Winners will be able to choose from which nursery they wish to have their certificate issued. See the festival website or contact a participating grower for an application form!

**Look for festival special offers at both locations by visiting the festival website at [www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com)**

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- **September 14, 15** – Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, “Fall in Love with Orchids”, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI
- **September 20-22**, Chicagoland Orchid Festival, (Natt's Orchids and Hausermann), see [www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com)
- **October 18-20**-The Miami Valley Orchid Society and the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society are hosting the Fall 2013 Mid-America Orchid Congress Meeting, “Orchids ‘N Art,” at Dayton Art Institute’s Gothic Cloister, [www.orchidsandart.com](http://www.orchidsandart.com)
- **October, 19-20** -- Second Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale, Noelridge Park Green House, 4900 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- **April 30-May 4, 2014**— Orchid Society of Minnesota is hosting the Spring 2014, Mid-America Orchid Congress Meeting, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance and the Pleurothallid Alliance, “Orchids A Growing Obsession”, Doubletree by Hilton, 1-494 at Hwy 100 in Bloomington
- **September, 10-14, 2014**— 21st World Orchid Conference, “Orchids: Gold in the Green Age”, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Spring 2015**—MAOC, Nashville TN
- **Spring 2016**-MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area